GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CRIMINAL CASES AGAINST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pertaining to woman criminals pending in courts at present, State-wise; and

(b) the details of action taken by the Government for providing them speedy justice?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): There are 54 Admission and 139 Regular Hearing criminal matters (Actual number of files) pertaining to women criminals pending before the Supreme Court of Indiaa s on 12.12.2000. A s regards cases pending in High Courts and Subordinate Courts the informtion is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b): Various steps have been taken by the Government for the speedy disposal of cases including cases pertaining to women criminals. These include amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure, increase in the number of posts of Judges/Judicial Officers, establishment o f Special Courts/tribunals, appointment of Special Judicial/Metropolitan Magistratesetc. The Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill, 1994 is under consideration of Parliament. In addition, the recommendations of the 154th Report of the Law Commission have been commended to all State Governments to gear up investigation and prosecution of cases. Lok Adalats have been given a statutory base as supplementary forum for resolution of disputes.

Pursuant to the XIth Finance Commission`s recommendation, a n amount of Rs. 502.90 crore has been sanctioned for creation of 1,734 additional courts in the country which will substantially bring down the pendency of cases specially the sessions cases i n the district and subordinate courts over the next five years.